

**WAC 246-976-680 Designation standards for facilities providing level V trauma care services--Administration and organization.**

A facility with a designated level V trauma care service shall:

- (1) Have written policies and procedures for providing emergency care, twenty-four hours every day for adult and pediatric trauma patients; and
- (2) Establish emergency care services consistent with community needs, the approved regional plan, and within the facilities capabilities. The service shall have a policy that identifies and establishes its scope of trauma care for both adult and pediatric trauma patients, including but not limited to:
  - (a) Initial resuscitation and stabilization;
  - (b) Admission criteria;
- (3) Have a method of activating trauma-response personnel consistent with the scope of trauma care and in keeping with the goals of WAC 246-976-870;
- (4) Participate in the state trauma registry as required in WAC 246-976-430;
- (5) Have a written policy and procedures to divert patients to other designated trauma care services. The policy shall be based on criteria which reflect the ability of the service to resuscitate and stabilize each patient at a particular time; and
- (6) Have interfacility transfer guidelines and agreements consistent with WAC 246-976-890;
- (7) Have a quality assurance program in accordance with WAC 246-976-881;
- (8) Participate in the regional trauma quality assurance program as required in WAC 246-976-910.

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